



SUMMARY

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Jobs, energy independence and climate change has been a focal point of American political and economic discourse for several years now; which has had the effect of re-energizing a long-standing debate about the jobs and competitiveness impacts of greenhouse gas emission reductions, even as the Obama Administration has strived to stimulate the economy by emphasizing the job-creating potential of clean energy investments – including investments in the construction of a new generation of nuclear power facilities.

My testimony today, will center on the critical role that our nation's skilled craft workforce, and the training infrastructure behind it, will play in the successful revitalization of America's nuclear energy industry.

Broadly speaking, I will make the case that America's Building Trades unions have the training capacity and the infrastructure currently in place to meet the needs of a revitalized nuclear power industry. Our unions are also aggressively exploring new and innovative ways to enhance our training capabilities to better meet the construction and maintenance needs associated with a new generation of nuclear power generation.